

Ada, O. Feb. 12, 1896.
Miss Lambert,
Westerville, O.

My Loving Bertha: I grasp this opportunity of once more addressing you. Your letter came Tuesday morning and I was there ready to seize upon it - it left the P.M.'s hand. It pleases me to know that you are still abiding in Christ or rather that you allow Him to abide in you. I think you have a pretty busy day to attend ~~three~~ ^{five} services. I seldom ever attend more than three, but nearly always have extra work in arranging our meetings. Last Sunday was as busy day as Prof. Fox of King's school of Oratory Pittsburgh, was here Sat night giving the Adelphean Entertainment, he kindly

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consented to give a bible reading and
talk to the y.m.c.a. So I made several
calls before eight o'clock, called on one
lady, but was told that she was in bed.

In the afternoon I arranged the music
seen to heating the Literary Hall and then
conferred around in the basement until
I found a snow shovel with which I
worked quite a while in moving the
snow drifts that nature had silently
placed on the walks, but when I intro-
duced Prof. Fox to an audience almost filling
both halls I never thought of snow shovels.

School is moving nicely and there who
more comes this term. Next Sunday our
election, ^{y.m.c.a.} will be held, the next Sunday will
be the Conviction and then the next comes
the inauguration. I will have to prepare

-a farewell address, you spoke of
 reading "Amos Leigh". We have to write
 an essay on the teachings of the poem
 so if you sympathize with me now is
 the time to help. I hope to attend the
 convention and would a little (i) rather
 meet you than Ira, but if you cannot
 come I hope to see Ira there. I have
 thought perhaps if I had to give up
 going either to the Cong. or to W. in one
 sense it would much rather give up
 the con. but the Association expects
 me to go so perhaps I had better go there.
 I would so much like to have a long
 talk with you. I see quite plainly that
 there has been a change in your life

and it is ⁴ difficult to express just
what we wish to say in this limited
way. I am still a little in doubt
about getting to visit you at the close
our term, but wondered if it would not
suit you as well at the time of your
vacation if that is not too far off.

Thirteen weeks looks like a short time
to be in school and my mind naturally
looks forward wondering what the future
has in store. As I said some time
ago my intentions are to work at my
trade this summer, but it is too
early to tell yet where that will be.
I hope to be near you and with that
thought in view I expect to make an earnest
effort to secure employment at Columbus.
Then not only would I be near you

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but could be in active y.m.c.a. work
in the Col. y.m.c.a. if I chose, to do so.

Your recent letter may perhaps have
caused us to wonder considerably what
the outcome would be and somehow yet
there comes that feeling of unrest (which per-
haps is wrong) that perhaps it was
the plan of God that we should be separated,
but I always love and I expect always to love
you. And though we be continents apart
I never have nor do I expect to see the day
when thoughts of you did not ^{and will not} make me a
better person. However I say yet "Understand
what the will of the Lord is". I know it will
be all right if we trust in God and I
firmly believe yet that our plan is all right
however if either of us are led to see differently.

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then I must be obedient. Not for a
moment have I thought of you being disloyal
I have never thought but that it was the
hand of God leading you and not for
the world would I have you be disobedient
to that voice. Your letter breathed such an
inspiration of genuine Christian love that
its strongest tones, show your devotion
to Christ and no less of love to me than
you previously have demonstrated.

I am very willing indeed, ^{with you} to trust God
and not worry or grieve over anything of this
kind. I will come to you as soon as I
can and I know it will be the best visit
we shall have had. I have been wondering
as to the advisability of taking a diploma
from here. The only thing I would care to have
it for is simply, that should I decide not to
finish a collegiate course I could take my
choice of studies while in school.

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Mrs Dr. Mary Allen is lecturing here
now on social purity. I trust that
your throat is well by this time for I
know it would not seem natural to
see you silent in church. How is
Mr. Barr getting along now?

We are having quite a blizzard now
and I have to sit close to the fire no
matter how much I think of you

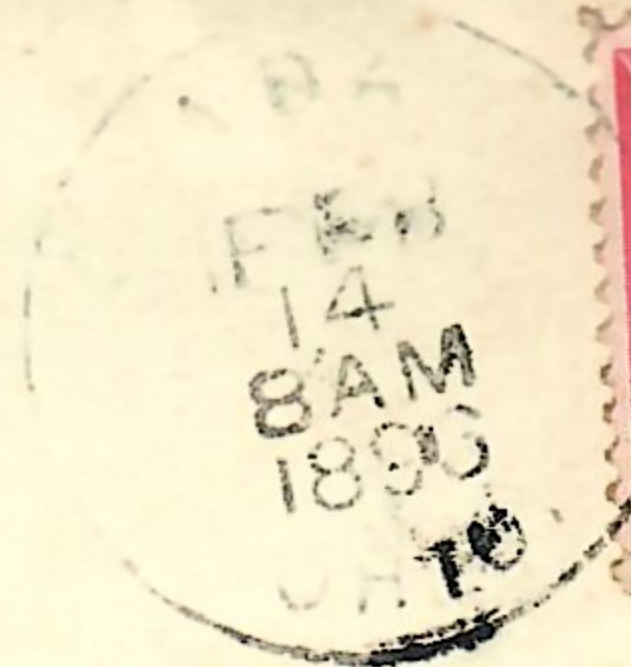
This is the 13, as I did not get
to finish my letter yesterday.

I would rather have more time
in writing but am ~~very~~ thankful
for such an opportunity as it is.

May God continue to lead my "Love"

Ever your true friend
J. H. Harris.

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